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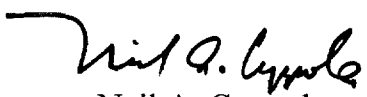
DOCKETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (HFA-305)
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
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RE: Docket Nos. 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

I am writing to you in regard to the above three docket numbers to urge you to prohibit farm practices linked with forced molting. Not only is the practice extraordinarily cruel and inhumane to the hens but, just as important, it presents a serious health risk to the public as reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

I am a father of two small children and an uncle to five, and my wife and I are seriously concerned about diseases brought about by contaminated eggs caused by such forced molting of hens.

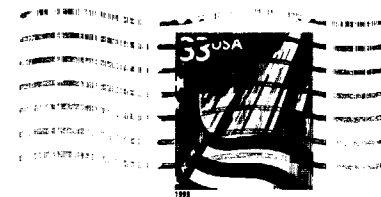
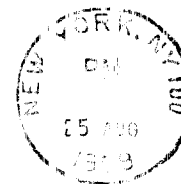
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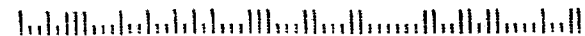
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